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MINE MECHANIZATION PROGRESSES -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 200, 25 Aug 49

An article recently published in Pravda Ukrainy urged the renewed use of hydraulic machinery in manganese mining in the Marganets Basin. The Dnepropetrovsk Oblast Committee KP(b) Ukraine and the Main Administration of the Ore-Mining Industry, Ministry of the Metallurgical Industry USSR, report that it has been decided to recommence hydraulic machine methods of mining in the Nikopol'-Marganets Basin.

Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 166, 26 Aug 49

Powerful loading machines have completely replaced heavy manual labor in collecting ore in the mines of the Berezovka Mine Administration, Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast. Scraper winches are used in many drifts. The mines were the first in the oblast to start the September production plan.

Kommunist, No 203, 28 Aug 49

In comparison with 1940, labor productivity in the Zangezur (copper) Mine Administration, Armenian SSR, has increased 21 percent and 40 percent over 1945. Ore hauling in all chief mines is now done by electric locomotive, and draft horses are not used anywhere. Hand hauling, which is done only on short distances in intermediate drifts, will soon be abolished. Mechanization of all mining operations throughout the administration will be completed in 1949. The mines will convert to artificial ventilation in 1950.

Construction has begun on a new road linking the city of Kafan with the mines. -- A. Kntekhtsyan, director, Zangezur Mine Administration

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